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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL | | Application Number | 09/449,321 |
| Address to: MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | | Filing Date | November 24, 1999 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Bonikowski |
| | | Art Unit | 2624 |
| | | Examiner | Stephen M. Brinich |
| | | Attorney Docket No. | XERZ 2 00308 |
| <p>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.</p> | | | |

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____

ii. Amendment B (After Final) filed: April 8, 2004 and Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment filed: May 10, 2004.

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a **2-month extension of time** to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

c. Other _____

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.114(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

b. Check in the amount of \$770.00 (large entity) enclosed.

c. Check in the amount of \$420.00 (large entity) to cover the applicable 2 month extension of time fees.

4/30, 2004
Date

Respectfully submitted,

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